

HEALTH CAREERS CLINICAL ROTATION INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Clinical rotation/job station is a method for teaching Health Careers that differs from the traditional method in both philosophy and implementation. The emphasis is on observation and a thorough study of health care areas. Students rotate among the various departments of a health care facility, or among various facilities in the community, to help them become familiar with as many different phases of health care as possible.

The course content for Health Careers is presented in the classroom where the teacher is the primary source of instruction. Students also spend class time in the health care facility where instruction relates the curriculum to actual patient care provided by the professional clinical staff there. Thus, the role of manager or monitor of learning environments is added to the traditional responsibilities of the teacher.

Clinical rotations provide many advantages to students. They will develop a clearer understanding of the career through hands-on experience, while developing a sense of responsibility and self-confidence.

Prerequisite

Students should have completed 180 hours of the core segment before they can be placed on clinical rotations.

Clinical Rotation

Students move among the various clinical areas according to their interests, or they may concentrate on a single area. While assigned to a given job station, the student observes procedures and aids in some activities. A task list will be used as a guide for documentation of learning experiences at each station. This task list outlines activities that the student may observe/participate in while at the job station.

Setting Up Clinical Rotations

Working closely with local health care personnel is essential to the success of your program. Most agreements are developed with facility administrators, in-service directors, or department personnel. In selecting job stations, consideration should be given to those stations with the greatest benefit to the student, areas of most interest to students, and the availability in your community.

Student Evaluation

Suggested student clinical evaluation forms and self-evaluation forms are included in this manual. One evaluation for each job station is recommended, or more often if appropriate. Students should complete a self-evaluation sheet following each rotation.